

DR. F. B. GUMMERE, EDUCATOR, DEAD

Distinguished Haverford Professor of English Literature Expires Suddenly at Home

HAD COME FROM MEETING

Dr. Francis Barton Gummere, professor of English literature at Haverford College, died suddenly at midnight at his home, 1 College circle, Haverford. He was sixty-four years old.

Doctor Gummere appeared to be in excellent health last night when he attended a college committee meeting. He went to bed at about 11 o'clock. Near midnight he called his wife. He was in pain and could hardly speak. In a few minutes he was dead. Heart disease is said to have been the cause of death.

The funeral will be held Monday afternoon at his home.

Professor Gummere was a descendant of a long line of prominent educators and was an authority on the history of poetry and ballad forms. He wrote extensively on those subjects.

A son, Major Samuel Gummere, who was on General Pershing's staff, is now at sea, homeward bound. Efforts are being made to communicate with him. The professor had two other sons, Dr. Richard M. Gummere, headmaster of Penn Charter School, and Francis B. Gummere, Jr.

Doctor Gummere's widow, who was Amelia Smith, of Burlington, N. J., is an authority on the history of New Jersey and the history of the Friends in this country.

Doctor Gummere's Career

Dr. Francis Barton Gummere was born in Burlington, New Jersey, March 6, 1855. He was the son of Samuel James Gummere, the president of Haverford College 1862-74, and his childhood was passed on the college campus with which his family has been associated for sixty years. He graduated from Haverford College in 1872 and then spent three years at Harvard. After four years of school teaching in Providence he studied philology in Germany 1879-81, at the universities of Leipzig, Berlin, Strassburg and Freiburg in 1881.

Returning to this country he was an instructor in English at Harvard for a year, and then accepted the head mastership of the Swain School at New Bedford, Mass. In 1887 he became professor of English at Haverford, which position he held until the time of his death.

Although many attempts were made by larger institutions to secure his brilliant services, he preferred to remain in the quiet little college community where he had grown up. In 1900 Harvard conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters.

Inspired at Harvard

It was as a pupil of the famous Francis James Child at Harvard that Gummere first became an eager student of the old English ballads and the communal origins of poetry, a field which he made entirely his own and in which his brilliant and suggestive scholarship was unsurpassed. Upon the enthusiasm instilled by Professor Child he added the severe philological exactness of the German universities in the days when all the world looked to those institutions as pioneers in the sciences of language. But no intensity of study could quench the unique vivacity and charm that made Doctor Gummere so inspiring a teacher. He was one of those rare scholars who are able to cast the spell of enchantment over their pupils—a spell that none who sat under him will ever forget. His enthusiasm was cast in no narrow mold: it used to be said by his students that Doctor Gummere could have lectured to them on science, history, biology, economics or philosophy and made any subject he touched upon seem for the moment the most interesting in the world.

Loved by Students

Doctor Gummere's students never knew whether to be more delighted at the extent of his scholarship and information or at the radiant charm of the man. His humor and social grace were exceptional and confounding to those accustomed to think of a great scholar as one buried only in books. He was never too busy to spend his time in helping the humblest student. Himself looked up to by scholars all over the world as an authority on the deepest problems of the history of language and literature, he knew how to temper his teaching to the capacity of his hearers. "His appearance on the Chautauqua platform a few summers ago marked the introduction of genuine scholarship into that characteristic American enterprise, and he was always delighted by the reception he received from those who listened to him at that time.

Lived Quietly at Haverford

"His quiet home looking over the cricket field at Haverford was a port of call for distinguished scholars from many lands. What marked Doctor Gummere among scholars was his abundant virility and his rich charm of personality. Those who knew and loved



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him may be pardoned for thinking that there was never any one like him. To hear him read the old English ballads aloud in his deep strong voice was to catch a glimpse of the beauty and romance of life, and of the echoes of human passion that come throbbing down the great stream of English literature. As the medieval inscription carved over his fireplace says, "He is the better lover who hears something sung about love," those who listened to Doctor Gummere's lectures, and knew the endless richness of his quick spirit, were made better lovers of life and truth. He used to say that the finest epitaph for a scholar was the line of his well-loved Chaucer—"And gladly would he learn, and gladly teach."

Dr. Ellihu Grant, of the Biblical literature department, said of Doctor Gummere, "He was one of the most brilliant conversationalists that I have ever been privileged to know; he had a brilliant imagination, brilliantly trained. He was a true friend and a man among 10,000."

Books on Poetry

Doctor Gummere was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, the American Philosophical Society, the National Institute of Arts and Letters, the Franklin Inn Club of Philadelphia, and a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the most distinguished body of scholars and writers in this country. Among his books were "The Anglo-Saxon Metaphor," "Handbook of Poetics," "Germanic Origins of Old English Ballads," "The Beginnings of Poetry," "The Popular Ballad," "The Oldest English Epic" and "Democracy and Poetry."

"WOUNDED" BY TOMATOES

Soldier Reported Seriously Hurt Says He Only Had Stomach Ache

Saying that "if I am severely wounded I don't know it," Joseph Kohler, who was corporal in Company D, 113th Infantry, looked the picture of health when seen at his parents' house, 207 Cumberland street, Gloucester, today.

GROOME TO AID RUSSIANS

Philadelphia Colonel to Aid Anti-Reds When Petrograd Falls

Colonel John C. Groome, of this city, is on an American destroyer in the Baltic sea, ready to take up his duties of supplying food to the civilian population of Petrograd as soon as that city falls to the anti-bolshevik Russian forces.

Doep Victim Walks Into Hospital

Joseph Freeman, thirty-six years old, 705 Vine street, walked into St. Joseph's Hospital early today, suffering from what the physicians said was an overdose of morphine. He was accompanied by Harry Cole, twenty-eight years old, who gave the same address. While the doctors were working upon Freeman, Cole was arrested by the police of the Tenth and Buttenworth streets station, on the suspicion of dope peddling.

SALVATIONIST DRIVE OVER \$600,000 MARK

Home Service Fund Campaign Will Organize for Final Spurt Next Week

\$2000 IS RAISED AT DINNER

Subscriptions in the Salvation Army drive for a home-service fund have reached a total of \$636,800.

A second intensive drive will begin next Monday, when thirty newly organized teams, led by prominent citizens, will canvass the city for subscriptions. Those teams will receive the co-operation of the ward workers.

Judge John M. Patterson announced he had received checks and pledges amounting to \$2500. He also said \$2000 in cash had been raised at a dinner given in honor of Magistrate Pennek at the Bellevue-Stratford.

John H. Rex, chairman of the Norristown committee, is optimistic of the future of the campaign. He said:

"We are just beginning to reap the benefits of the work done in this campaign. I expect that either Tuesday or Wednesday Norristown will produce its full quota. I received \$11,000 in subscriptions this morning.

"One of the extremely pleasing features of the campaign is that it has been conducted in an extremely dignified manner. The worst feature of the campaign is the note of optimism which has prevailed. Everybody said, 'The Salvation Army will not have a bit of difficulty raising \$1,000,000 in this district.'"

A complete report of the money in bank, pledges and promised subscriptions was made by C. B. Huntress, campaign director of the Atlantic states.

He said yesterday Philadelphia had \$283,774 in bank. Added to this the Philadelphia committee counts on \$50,000 from an anonymous donor; \$4700 in subscriptions from the employes of Lit Brothers; \$2000 from Gimbel Brothers employes; \$1000 from Strawbridge & Clothier employes and at \$11,000 from John Wannamaker and his employes. The latter have been matching dollars with their employer.

RABBIT TO SETTLE DOG ROW

Two Men Claim Animal and Magistrate Is Asked to Decide Owner

Magistrate Price took a hint from Solomon today when called on to decide the ownership of a male hound dog named Nell. Nell spent a night in a cell at the Twenty-second street and Hunting Park avenue police station. He—Nell—was the star witness this morning when Joseph H. Snyder, of 1925 Cayuga street, and Frank Clayton, of 1433 Locomotive street, advanced their rival claims to the dog's ownership.

TRUCK KILLS CYCLIST

Former Member of the 336th Aero Squadron Run Over on Clearfield St.

John F. Bersin, twenty-two years old, 801 West Indiana avenue, a former member of the 336th Aero Squadron, was killed yesterday when he was struck by a two-ton truck at Clearfield avenue. Mr. Bersin was on his way home for luncheon. He was riding a motorcycle. The heavy truck passed over his body and he died at the Episcopal Hospital. He lived with his stepmother. His own parents both died a few years ago.

Bersin was in the service for fourteen months. He trained at Kelly Field, Texas, and spent four months in England. He was mustered out of the service on December 22. The funeral will be held at 2 p. m. Monday. The interment will be at Lansdale.

The driver of the truck was Leon Kennen, twenty-nine years old, 2139 South Lambert street. He will be given a hearing today.

"I raised him from a pup," said Mr. Clayton, and brought witness to prove it.

"Nell belongs to me," insisted Snyder, and to back up the claim produced a photograph of himself and a dog. Nell was produced by the truck and Magistrate Price gravely compared the photograph with the original.

"What's more," said Snyder, "Nell's a good rabbit dog. He's broke to hunting rabbits." "No such thing," answered Clayton. "Nell never ran a rabbit in his life."

"The only thing on which the pair were agreed was that the dog's name was Nell. Magistrate Price scratched his head—then thought himself of the wisdom of Solomon.

"Tell you what we'll do," said the magistrate. "We'll just give Nell a chance to chase a rabbit. If he chases the rabbit he belongs to Snyder; if he doesn't, Clayton gets the pup."

"Fair enough," chorused the rival claimants.

SUSPICIOUS WOMAN ARRESTS THREE MEN AT REVOLVER'S POINT

Mrs. Phillips, of Shawmont, Makes Captives Drive Her Wagon to Lafayette

THEN ON TO HARRISBURG

Sensor Coming to Help Charter Leaders Fight Further Changes in Bills

Mrs. Katharine Phillips, of Shawmont, young, handsome and very determined, arrested three men at Lafayette at the point of a gun, made them drive her to the Lafayette station, where she turned them over to a patrolman and appeared against them this morning at the Twenty-second street and Hunting Park avenue police station.

The men gave their names as Isadore Wadow, Eighth street near Columbia avenue; Herbert Wolfert, Master street west of Sixth, and George Berkwitz, Ninth street near Columbia avenue.

Mrs. Phillips testified that she had seen them in a canoe in the river near Lafayette late yesterday. She said she saw them gather up some "grab" in a camper's tent on the shore nearby and put it in their canoe.

She followed them along the bank until they landed, then held them up at the point of her gun and made them walk back to where she had a horse and light wagon. With the gun still ready for use Mrs. Phillips forced one of the three to drive herself and the other two back to Lafayette, where she turned them over to Patrolman Morrissey, of the Manayunk station.

3 PHILADELPHIANS KILLED

One Missing and Seven Clipped as Wounded on Casualty List

In a list of eleven Philadelphians reported in a casualty roll released by the War Department today, three are listed as dead, one missing in action and seven are classed as wounded.

Their names are: Privates Jacob C. Grosz, 2757 North Hemmerger street, and Joseph Patroski, 915 North American street, killed in action.

Private Stephen Faust, 2007 Fairmount avenue, died, previously reported returned to duty.

Sergeant John T. Curran, 5001 North Twelfth street, missing in action.

Privates Edward Thomas Morris, 716 East Ontario street, and John T. Morrow, 1530 Page street, wounded severely.

Sergeant Thomas F. McDonald, 5406 Springfield avenue, and Private Daniel Anthony Bradley, Jr., 656 North Forty-fourth street, wounded, degree undetermined.

Corporals Thomas F. Patterson, 2025 Parrish street; Charles E. Mann, 1461 North Alden street; and Private Daniel A. Riordan, 1732 South Eleventh street, are classed as wounded slightly.

Cook, Samuel Monroe, Jr., 1863 Mulford street, Camden, is among the slightly wounded.

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PENROSE DUE TODAY TO AID REVISIONISTS

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Senator Penrose is expected here from Washington today to direct the final battle to push the Woodward charter bill through the Legislature without further amendments and to open fire on the board of registration commissioners.

The major tactics of the fight will be developed by the senior senator at Harrisburg Sunday, according to present plans.

No meeting of the charter revision committee will be called tomorrow or Monday to consider further changes in the Woodward bill. John C. Winston, chairman of the committee, said today he had no knowledge of any meeting and did not contemplate calling one.

Several prominent charter revisionists said in Harrisburg this week that the revision committee might consent to the elimination of the clause in the bill which would merge the office of city treasurer and receiver of taxes. Mr. Winston denied that any amendment eliminating the merger clause would be made.

Amendments to Be Submitted

City Solicitor John P. Connelly and Joseph P. Gaffney, chairman of Council's finance committee, are expected to submit some amendments to the charter bill either next week or the week following.

They will examine first the amendments already made by Thomas Raeburn White, chairman of the legal committee, which drafted the charter bill, to ascertain if, in their opinion, these changes remove objections made against the bill.

Both Mr. Connelly and Mr. Gaffney were out of the city today.

Attention will swing next week to the registration commission bill in the Assembly. The bill, if passed in its present form, would oust the present members of the commission. Governor Sproul, however, has declared he would not stand for a "rip-off."

Several plans are under consideration to remedy the registration situation here, it is understood. One plan is to retain the present commissioners and add enough so that the present incumbents would be outvoted. This is not regarded favorably because it would make the board cumbersome.

Another suggestion is to appoint a fifth member to act as president or chairman and clothe him with most of the board's powers. Charter revisionists and others say the registration board is controlled by a faction and a fair registration would be impossible with the present commissioners in power.

The Woodward bills are now with the House committee on municipal corporations. They passed first reading in the lower chamber and then, on motion of Representative Glass, were re-committed to committee.

Two provisions of the charter bill are now being fought by the forces opposed to a re-constituting of Philadelphia's government. One is the provision that the City Solicitor be appointed by the Mayor instead of being elected by the voters. The other is the proposed merger of the office of receiver of taxes with that of city treasurer.

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But there was a reason, and there is a remedy, that if generally known, would cause a public demand to substitute these dangerous types with a stable and safe machine that will not "nose-dive," somersault, "side-slip," upset or "tail-spin" to such numerous and unnecessary deaths.

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THEFT SUSPECT SHOT, BUT ELUDES SLEUTHS, WHO NAB COMPANION

Pennsylvania Railroad and City Detectives Interrupt Men Taking Freight From Car

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A man suspected as a thief was shot twice last night as he fled from detectives at Twenty-fifth and Jackson streets, but managed to escape, while his alleged companion was captured.

The captured man, who said he was Walter Fedalen, thirty-one years old, Twenty-fifth street near Christian, will be arraigned today in central station. He is accused of stealing automobile tires valued at \$1000.

Railroad detectives had been watching freight cars at Twenty-fifth and Jackson streets for several nights. Some cars containing motorcar accessories had been broken into and robbed.

As Pennsylvania Railroad Detective Blankenburg and City Detective Clark were watching last night, they say, they saw a wagon driven up to one car. The car door was forced open and two men were said to be removing tires when the detectives approached.

One of the suspects ran. The detectives fired after him. The fugitive was seen to clap a hand to one shoulder and then to limp. Despite this apparent handicap he succeeded in eluding the detectives. Blankenburg and Clark then collared Fedalen.

AND HE FACED GERMAN GUNS

Discharged Soldier "Shells Out" When American Guns Are Pointed

Rather than be shot by three men who held him up at the point of revolvers, Norman Richards, lately discharged from army service, where he had been through the war with the Twenty-seventh Infantry, allowed himself to be robbed of a \$10 bill last night.

He was walking on the outskirts of Gloucester when the men suddenly jumped out at him with leveled revolvers. "Throw up your hands and shell out!" came the order. They went through his pockets and took all he had—a \$10 bill and eight cents. "You can keep those for cigarettes," one of the men said handing him back the eight cents.

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VETERAN SALUTES HIMSELF

Germanstown G. A. R. Man Fires Volley Over His Own Statue

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Following his annual custom, Melville H. Freas, of 248 Haines street, Germanstown, today observed Memorial Day by firing a salute of three volleys over his own monument in Ivy Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Freas is seventy-nine years old, but active and hearty. He arose today at 3 o'clock and, after raising flags over his home, fired a salute from his old army musket. At 5 o'clock he was conveyed to Ivy Hill in an automobile, where he carried out his annual program, and later met members of Ellis Post, No. 6, G. A. R., of which he is a member.

Arrayed in his Civil War uniform, Mr. Freas is an outstanding figure in all events participated in by his post. He was a member of Company A, 150th Pennsylvania, known during the war as the "Bucktails," on account of the appendage worn on their caps.

The statue of Mr. Freas is a full-size figure of the veteran and weighs a ton.

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